



# GNARC on Line Newsletter

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Club Repeaters: K1OF 147.390/ + 600 KHz PL of 110.9 Hz. & K1UHF 448.075/ + 5 MHz (PL-114.8) [EchoLink®](#)

Regular Club Meetings start at 8:00 PM and are held in the Community Room at the [Shop Rite](#) on Connecticut Ave. (Rte-1) in Norwalk Connecticut. Talk in: 147.390. The 147.390 repeater is now using a PL of 110.9 Hz.

Next GNARC Club Meeting Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Time 8:00 pm.

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**President:** Toy Alladin, KA1WYQ / **Vice President:** Allan Valeo, NN1H (203) 762-9302  
**Secretary:** John Sabini, WB1GRB (203) 348-3983 / **Treasurer:** Gary Schwartz, K3OS.  
September 2005 GNARC on Line Bulletin: John Sabini WB1GRB. Questions (203) 353-8422.

**Please we need articles desperately. Send them to John, WB1GRB.**

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## Computer Corner

by ROGER GILER, W1AGU

For more go to, <http://www.gnarc.info/ComputerCorner.htm>

**Dead mouse, Paste Special, modem icon, Broken Word, Apply or OK? Surge suppressor vs. UPS, Norton software, permanent email address, is virus protection working?**

Microsoft has been delaying the release of their brand new operating system, code-named Vista. They had hoped that it would encourage users to upgrade as they feel that too many of them are still satisfied with their old ones, including Windows 98 and ME. The reason for the delay is that it has become necessary to devote much of the software developers' time to fixing vulnerabilities in all the existing systems, particularly their latest, Windows XP. So far there have been 17 bulletins, all with fixes so far this year. And many covered more than just one danger. Microsoft is quick to point out that it also had to address problems created by third-party software which is in wide use.

Just because users of Apple Macs have been making fun of Windows users about all the dangers they encounter on the Internet, many had assumed that if you purchase an Apple system, you will be in Nirvana. I hate to burst their bubble, but Apple Computer has just released a security patch to fix what the company calls the first "critical" Mac OS X flaws. Researchers have uncovered a series of security holes that collectively could let an attacker take over a Mac. Now Apple has admitted to 44 security updates since Mac OS X was introduced in March 2001 and contrasts it to 78 updates by Microsoft in the same period. This is nothing to gloat about as we must collectively do our best to wipe out the scourge of these terrorist attacks against our computers.

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## GNARC ARES NEWS

In service to Norwalk and the nearby towns of

Darien, Easton, Fairfield, New Canaan, Weston, Westport and Wilton

**2005 Simulated Emergency Test is Saturday October 1st morning till early evening.**

Please show up for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> net. We are going to exercise not only the Norwalk repeater but also the New Canaan and the Stamford repeaters. Please if you have not done so yet, program your radio. The frequencies are listed on the GNARC club web site.

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Allan Valeo, NN1H Co-EC Norwalk ARES Group

**Connecticut Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)**

**ARRL Connecticut Section (CT)**

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## Fairfield County Skywarn

Phil Berkowitz WX1CT. *Connecticut Skywarn* D.E.C. Check the Fairfield County Skywarn [web page](#).

Fairfield County Skywarn Nets will be held on an as needed basis on the following repeaters:

147.39/R for Southern Fairfield County and 147.30/R (PL 100.0) for Northern Fairfield County

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# Minutes of the Meeting 9/14/05

Allan, NN1H started the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Officers present: **President:** Toy Alladin, KA1WYQ / **Vice President:** Allan Valeo, NN1H / **Secretary:** John Sabini, WB1GRB / **Treasurer:** Gary Schwartz, K3OS.

Allan made a motion to accept last month's minutes, which are published on the GNARC on Line Newsletter. The minutes were then passed.

Allan than asked for the officer's reports.

John, WB1GRB talked briefly on our newsletter gnarc.info. We originally had 50 mg, which cost \$5.99 a month. I had to upgrade to 1000 mg, which cost \$7.99 a month and should last for a long time. There are also more options that we did not have before. When the newsletter was published on paper the cost of postage was \$52.00 a month so we are saving a considerable amount of money. It is important to save articles, newspaper articles and photos so people can look back at our history and learn from what we had done.

Gary, K3OS gave a Treasurers report. Gary mentioned that we had sold some of the equipment that is on the GNARC Club web site. "If you would like to purchase any of this equipment please act soon before the holidays because it will be gone." If you would like a complete Treasures Report or a copy of the latest Membership List please contact Gary.

Allan gave an ARES Report. We now have a new SEC. (Section Emergency Coordinator) Rod J. Lane, N1FNE. We also have a new AEC (Area Emergency Coordinator) Burling Ford, KBYINY from Danbury.

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Tim, W1GIG talked about ARES and that we are spread very thin. We desperately need more people to sign up for ARES as volunteers and more people to practice. Helping in public service events gives us credibility and it gives us practice working with directed nets. There is a sign up sheet on the GNARC web site.

Rich, K1OF then talked about repeater coordinating, which is an attempt to keep mutable repeaters from using the same frequencies and causing interference. This is completely self regulatory, which is completely voluntary. If you have a repeater that is not coordinated there is a chance some one could take your repeater frequency. There is no law involved. To get more details and latest news GNARC members need to join the club e-mail list. Information is on the GNARC web site and in this newsletter.

9:35 Toy, KA1WYQ conducted the club raffle, and then we had a coffee break.

Allan then mentioned to members that if you have any ideas or comments to please contact one of our club officers or send an e-mail. Let your ideas be herd.

Meeting ended at 10:00 pm.

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Join us before the meeting at John's Best Pizza on New Canaan Ave. at 6 pm.

**[John's Best Pizza](#)**

85 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut. 06850.

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J/S WB1GRB Sunday, September 25, 2005

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